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Children reel in fish, fun at derby

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The fish in Fort Stewart's well-stocked Pond 30 were biting big time June 6, keeping moms, dads and other special adults in kids' lives busy by helping them haul in the catch at the Youth Fishing Derby.

"As soon as you throw your pole out, you catch a fish, and that's what you've got to have to keep the kids interested," said Command Sgt. Maj. Tim Campbell, 2nd Brigade Special Troops Battalion. "To come out here and see the kids (fish), that's the significance of it. That's what makes it good."

Command Sergeant Major Campbell, who has been fishing for 20 years, was at the derby with daughter Mckayla, 12, who said she has been fishing since she was two and loves to fish with her Dad.

More than 200 kids, many fishing for the first time, were throwing out lines in hopes of catching bass, crappie or catfish. They were undeterred by overcast skies and a forecast that included a chance of rain. Adults could help the kids, but could not fish themselves.

Chase Howell, Outdoor Recreation Programmer, said more catfish than other types of fish were caught at the Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation Directorate event.

There were other activities for the children as well.

Child, Youth and School Services offered face-painting and arts and crafts activities.

Five members of the Liberty County Bass Club gave the kids a chance to win a rod and reel in a flip, pitch and cast contest. "It teaches the kids the techniques that we use when we go out and fish in tournaments," said club member P.J. Schneider.

One popular and appreciated spot was the fish-cleaning station set up by the Fish and Wildlife Branch.

The big fish the kids had caught just moments before were transformed into fillets in plastic bags, ready for the trip home.

"These guys are a big help," said Sgt. Marlo Davis, who was at the derby with daughter Armada, 6, and son Thayne, 8. "I really don't know how to clean them myself. With them doing it, I can watch, maybe learn sometime how to do it



Photos by Bob Mathews

As did many of the local youth, James Pyle, 7, caught a fish that required a little help from his dad, Staff Sgt. James Pyle to unhook at the Youth Fishing Derby, June 6.

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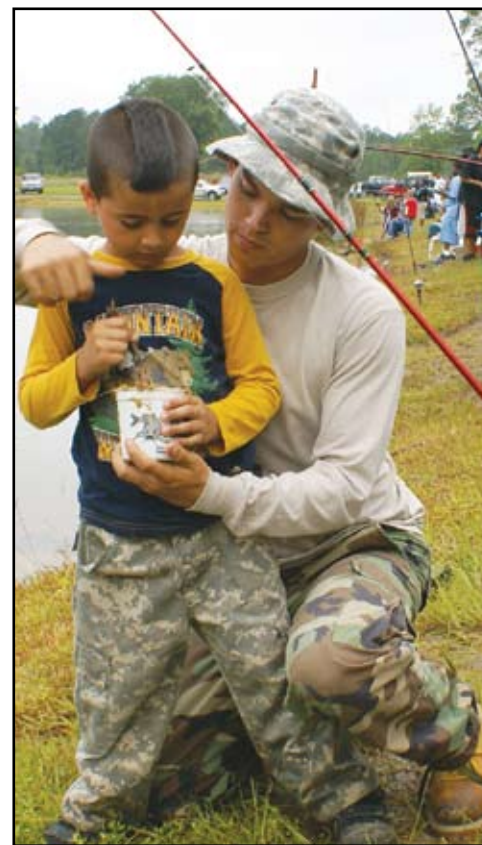
Tim Beatty, chief of the Fish and Wildlife Branch at Department of Public Works, said, "We look forward to (the fishing derby) every year to express our appreciation to Soldiers and Families for the service they provide us every day. It's also an opportunity to introduce kids to the great sport and fun that fishing offers."

Greg Harvey, chief of the Conservation Law Enforcement Division, said the event is "a great opportunity for everyone." He added that it also gave the youngsters an opportunity to learn about conservation and limits.

For Shirley Hoey, wife of Sgt. Roy Hoey, 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team, it was a time to watch her children – Myiesha, Michael and Romeo – doing something they love. "I have enjoyed myself sitting back and watching them fish."

She said her husband told her when he deploys, "Bring the kids fishing; let them go fishing."

Hunter Army Airfield will host the Youth Fishing Derby from 8-11 a.m., June 27 at Hallstrom Lake. For more information, call 315-9554.



Sergeant Stephen Klein helps his son, Joseph, 6, bait a hook during the Youth Fishing Derby, June 6.



J'ani Singletary, 8, gets a helping hand from his uncle, Ulynski Lowe at the Youth Fishing Derby at Fort Stewart's Pond 30, June 6.

Rockets bring home the gold

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Fort Stewart CYSS

The Fort Stewart Youth Sports "Rockets" Track Club competed in the Georgia Games District Track Meet held at Savannah State, May 30. The Rockets soared with a sweep in both the 4x100 and 4x400 meter relay events and landed with a total of 151 medals, 108 of which were gold. They competed against teams from Savannah, Statesboro, Hilton Head, and Tallahassee.

The medal winners are listed below, followed by the number of medals won: Daijah Amaker (4), Tavon Anderson (4), Jourdin Bailey (4), Donna Bennett (4), Itiana Brutton (4), Jamari Brutton (1), Sterling Burns (2), Isabella Bustamante (2), Jamall Clyce (2), Dashaun Coleman (3), Issac Coleman

(3), Natalya Coleman (4), Trevor Darby (4), Jamin Davis (2), Treyon Davis (3), Nemani Denis (4), Montaye Frasier (2), Tyler Ganaway (3), Dillon Gooding (4), Son'taja Gordon (4), Gabrielle Graham (2), Nataya Hare (1), Jamorris Hill (5), Anthony Holsendolph (3), Kwajelin Holsendolph (3), Chad Hooker (4), Kiana Jackson (1), Mya Johnson (3), Tiana Johnson (2), Xavier Jones (2), Demetris Kates (4), Xanthus Lee (1), Ajiah Lewis (3), Keyiana Lindsey (4), Tiamario Lindsey (5), Jaslyn Mack (4), Jordan Moody (4), Asia Rankin (3), Shadeed Reed (3), BobbieJo Rodriguez (2), Zakeema Shareef (2), Zakkiyah Shareef (4), Jazmin Smith (2), Victoria Smith (2), Janae Spence (5), Deion Stewart (3), Jasmine Stewart (2), Samantha Stewart (4), D'Angelo Streeter (3), Craig White (1), and Trinity White (3).

CYSS offers summer fun for Stewart youth

Philip Konz
CYSS Tae Kwon Do Instructor

The end of the school year marks the beginning of summer vacation, which often leaves parents frantically trying to find activities that occupy and benefit their children's time off.

Families of Soldiers and military retirees do not have to look far, as options are available on-post with the Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Child and Youth School Services, SKIES Unlimited programs. During these days of eco-

nomie challenge, Families are often pleased to discover affordable quality programs offered like dance, gymnastics and Tae Kwon Do.

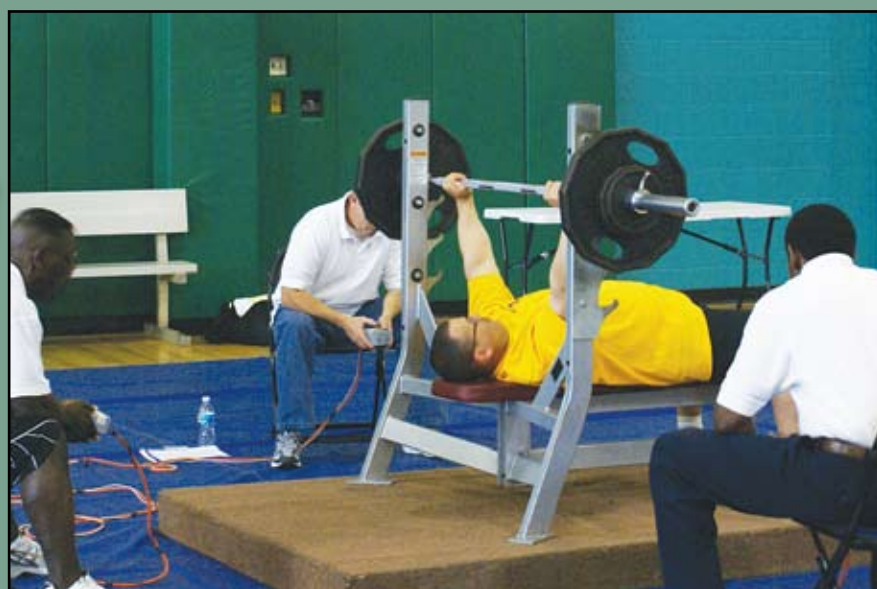
These programs offer children the opportunity to have fun and meet friends, while improving their mental and physical wellness.

The sense of confidence and feeling of accomplishment are often displayed in activities like the monthly TKD student of the month ceremony, a program that identifies and rewards outstanding students for their hard work, efforts and desire to meet challenges.

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KING OF THE MARNE BENCH PRESS COMPETITION

One of 15 participants pushes his maximum load overhead as spotters and judges look on at the King-of-the-Rock Bench Press Competition at Fort Stewart's Newman Gym, June 6. A new Stewart-Hunter weightlifting record was set by Dorian Drewery, who placed first in the 100 kilogram (220.25 pounds) weight class. Drewery lifted 450 lbs., surpassing the 1994 record by 45 pounds. Third Infantry Division Commander, Maj. Gen. Tony Cucolo was on hand to present Drewery and the other winners with their awards. For event results, see page 3C.



Bob Mathews

All-American pastime, Army go hand-in-hand

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3rd Infantry Division Public Affairs

SAVANNAH, Ga — The party really got started when a 6-foot tall Gnat, named “Gnate T,” clung onto a four-year-old—and the child’s only response was to laugh.

After a few base hits and some double plays, only a few people — of the more than 300 in attendance — were able to sit down.

More than 40 3rd Infantry Division, Special Troops “Legion” Battalion Soldiers and their Families used the Historic Grayson Stadium here as a site for a Battalion Hail and Farewell.

The Soldiers stationed at Fort Stewart had all-you-can-eat hamburgers, hotdogs, baked beans and fountain drinks, while welcoming several Soldiers joining the unit and honoring those Soldiers who are leaving.

“We wanted a place to do this so that Families and the Soldiers could relax and really enjoy themselves,” said event organizer, Capt. Chadwick Swenson, company

commander. Headquarters Operations Company. “Baseball is the great American past time, but we also wanted a Family event with plenty of room and it’s financially feasible for the Families.”

The sixth-placed Savannah Sand Gnats played against the division-leading Charleston Riverdogs, both part of the southern conference of the South Atlantic Baseball League.

Three weeks prior to the event, Capt. Swenson researched the game through their Web site, but he said eventually he linked up with the Sand Gnats staff who were “very helpful.”

“I’ve never been part of something like this,” said Cristina Faiella, Savannah Sand Gnats promotions manager. “We wanted to create a Family atmosphere where people can get together and be relaxed.”

“A Hail and Farewell at a baseball game seemed like such a cool idea — I mean it can’t get any more American that,” she said.

With Faiella’s help, two of the battalion’s senior enlisted advisors, Command Sgt. Maj. McArthur Dixon, 3rd ID STB, battalion

command sergeant major, and 1st Sgt. Gregory Roman, HHOC, company first sergeant, each threw an honorary “first-pitch” to kick off the game.

“The turn-out was grea; we had a lot of interest in this event from the beginning,” Capt. Swenson said. “This really builds esprit de corps and it also gets Soldiers and their Families together so people can see that their chain of command are normal, regular people who want to have the same positive experience with their Families.”

The Sand Gnats got to a slow start giving up, four runs to the Riverdogs by the third inning. But the home team rallied by the fifth inning, shutting down the Riverdogs’ offense for the rest of the game. The Sand Gnats finished the game strong, coming away with the 7-4 win.

“This is a great activity and (the Sand Gnats) have a great facility,” Capt. Swenson said. “You have to get out here and have some fun.”



Senior enlisted advisor of 3rd ID STB , Command Sgt. Maj. McArthur Dixon, fires the honorary first pitch to a Savannah Sand Gnats’ catcher before a game at the Historic Grayson Stadium, June 4.

Fort Stewart Softball Standings				
Marne Conference				
	Team	Wins	Losses	Win Pct.
1.	3-69 AR	4	0	1.000
2.	5-7 CAV	2	0	1.000
3.	C Co 3-15 IN	5	1	.833
4.	HHC 3RD SB	4	1	.800
5.	92d EN BN	2	1	.666
5t.	HHC 92d EN	2	1	.666
7.	A Co. 2-7 IN	2	2	.500
8t.	HHB 1/41 FA	3	4	.428
8t.	B TRP. 6-8 CAV	3	4	.428
10.	BALFOUR BEATTY	2	3	.400
11.	A CO 3rd SB	1	2	.333
12t.	A BTRY 1/41 FA	0	3	.000
12t.	HHC 4-3 BSTB	0	3	.000
12t.	A Co 3/15 IN	0	3	.000
12t.	HHC 1st BDE	0	3	.000
Rocky Conference				
	Team	Wins	Losses	Win Pct.
1.	MEDDAC	7	0	1.000
2.	A Co 3-7 IN	7	1	.875
3.	HHC 3-15 IN	6	1	.857
4.	C TRP 6-8 CAV	5	2	.714
5t.	A 4-3 BSTB	4	2	.666
5t.	HHC 3-7 IN	4	2	.666
7.	HHC 2-7 IN	4	3	.571
8.	1-76 FA	3	3	.500
9	HHC 1-3 BSTB	2	2	.500
10.	3d SIG STB	4	5	.444
11.	C CO 3-7 IN	3	4	.428
12t.	15 ASOS	1	2	.333
12t.	C Co. 1-64 AR	1	2	.333
14t.	HHC 703d ASB	2	4	.333
14t.	C Co. 3-69 AR	1	5	.167

Hunter Army Airfield Softball Standings				
American Conference				
	Team	Wins	Losses	Win Pct.
1t.	D CO 4/3rd AVN	4	1	.800
1t.	A CO 603rd AVN	4	1	.800
3.	HHB 3rd CAB	3	1	.750
4t.	6th ROTC	3	2	.600
4t.	RIGGERS	3	2	.600
6t.	HHC 1/3rd AVN	1	1	.500
6t.	416th TRANS CO	1	1	.500
8.	473rd QM CO	2	3	.400
9.	E CO 2/3rd GSAB	0	1	.000
10.	4/3rd AVN	0	3	.000
*Rain has delayed these games in the American Conference				
National Conference				
	Team	Wins	Losses	Win Pct.
1t.	24TH ORD CO	5	1	.833
1t.	USCG	5	1	.833
1t.	3/160th SOAR	5	1	.833
4.	B CO 603rd AVN	4	2	.666
5.	224TH M. I.	3	2	.600
6.	USMC	3	3	.500
7.	D CO 2/3rd AVN	2	3	.166
8.	E/TROOP 317TH CAV	1	5	.250
9t.	512TH QM CO	0	5	.000
9t.	JAG OFFICE	0	6	.000
9t.	C CO 1/3rd AVN	0	0	.000

Annual CCA fishing derby a wet success

Chuck Smith
CCA Volunteer

The fish loved the rain, and the kids loved catching fish at the 14th Annual Coastal Conservation Association Kids Fishing Derby, May 23. Fifty-nine children, including kids from Hunter Army Airfield, caught 493 bream, bluegills and bass and just about everybody stayed until the end. At the prize ceremony, a show of hands indicated everyone caught at least one fish; one youngster caught 44 fish!

Every child was a winner with the new CCA fishing cap they received at registration. Lots of raffle prizes were awarded as volunteers tallied the results. Below are the fishing prize winners, which included catching specially tagged bluegills:

First Fish Landed: Natalie Heddleson, age 4, 6 1/2" Bream

3-5 Year Olds:

Biggest Fish- Sophie Bibby, age 5, 10 1/2" Bream; **Most Fish Caught-** Natalie Heddleson, age 4, 25 fish; **Tagged Fish-** Ava Jaakkola, age 5

6-8 Year Olds

Biggest Fish- Sarah Mills, age 7, 12"

Bream; **Most Fish Caught-** Austin Williams, age 8, 44 fish; **Tagged Fish-** Rivers Tarr, age 6, Trebor Haynie, age 8, Christopher Pendleton age 8, Rand Parsons, age 6

9-11 Year Olds

Biggest Fish- William Manual, age 10, 11" Bream ; **Most Fish Caught-** Chris Hale, age 10; Austin Reed, age 9, each caught 12 fish; **Tagged Fish-** Nate Hickey, age 10 and Leandro Hicks age 10

12-15 Year Olds

Biggest Fish- Andrew Manuel, age 13, 9" Bream; **Most Fish Caught-** Michael Keene, age 12, 14 fish

CCA volunteers handled registration, refereeing and coaching, bait, loaner rods, set-up and take-down. A special thanks go to a group of high school seniors and three people from the Landings Club Youth Program who helped coach kids needing extra help. This year we invited children from the Salvation Army, Hunter Army Airfield, the U.S. Army Rangers, Greenbriar, and Children of Tomorrow. We also thank the First Responders who were at this event and Sean Burgess and TLA Public Works for readying the lagoon for fishing.

The following sponsors provided the



Courtesy Photo

Nine-year-old Austin Reed, son of Staff Sgt. Tyler Reed, 1/75th Ranger Regt., proudly displays his freshly caught bass. Austin was one of the 59 participants at the CCA Kids Fishing Derby, May 23.

financial support, goods and services, and volunteers needed to conduct this

fun event for our community: Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) of Georgia, Skidaway Island Chapter, Landlovers, KIWANIS, The Print Shop, Bandy's Bait Shop, GA Dept of Natural Resources, Friends of Leonard DaCamara, Zebco, Shamrock Bend and The Landings Association.

Tom Rood, CCA Chapter Kids Fishing Program Director, ably assisted by Robert Hale, Chapter President, deserve special credit. They had the courage to go ahead with Derby plans despite the rain. They moved registration into the firehouse and started the Derby on time at 9 a.m.

For those adults with youngsters who stayed away due to the rain, don't despair. Come out and fish anytime. We ask you to throw back all bluegills for the next kid to catch. Adults can fish as long as they have a kid fishing with them. Lagoon #56 is a year-round kids fishing lagoon located behind the Oakridge Firehouse at the intersection of Westcross and Log Landings Road.

"Skidaway Today," a new Skidaway Island website, is happy to host the 2009 CCA Kids Fishing Derby photos online for our community to see. Please check them out at www.skidawaytoday.com.

Savannah "Rock of the Marne" Triathlon

Don't miss the triathlon at 8 a.m., June 21, at Lotts Island. The sprint course includes a 500-yard swim, a 13-mile bike course and a 5-km run. Cost is \$50 per person (\$40 military) and \$100 per relay team (\$90 military team). Fees are higher for non-USA Triathlon members. Awards will be given to overall winners, winners of different age groups and military winners.

To signup, go to www.savtri.com. Registration will remain open until June 19 or until 150 register. Raceday signup is limited to 25. For more information, contact Nick Baker at 966-6916 or savtri@comcast.net.

Please note: Rio Gate will be closed 8-10 a.m., the day of the race.

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Academic Achievement Awards for having all "A's" on their report cards went to two siblings, Noah, 8, and Jacob Hash, 9.

For May, many of the students were recognized for their super performances through belt promotion – indicating their ability to meet the challenges of higher responsibility and capability associated with that belt. The belt title/levels are White, Yellow, Yellow Stripe, Orange, Green, Green Stripe, Purple, Purple Stripe, Blue, Blue Stripe, Brown, Brown Stripe, Red, Red Stripe, Deputy Black Belt, and the Black Belt. In May, the following students were promoted: The Yellow Stripe Belt was presented to Noah Garcia, 8; Meghann Hruska, 8; and Faith Diaz, 12. Sierra Green, 11, earned the Orange Belt. The Green Belt was presented to Kadeja Green,

13, and Lauren Cardinal, 15. The Purple Belt was presented to Braxton Jordan-Eller, 11.

The coveted Student of the Month Award for May was earned by Faith Diaz for her hard work and desire to do her very best. Students celebrating their birthdays during the month were: Andrew Conger, Faith Diaz, Nick Maryland, Mason Wren, and Makayla Christie.

TKD is only one of many opportunities for youth to demonstrate their ability to learn, grow, and achieve. Family Members have a variety of options at CYSS. So, are you still looking for something for your children to do this summer? Contact the SKIES Unlimited Program at 767-6071 to find out what activities are offered.

BENCH PRESS

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Fifteen competitors participated in the King-of-the-Marne bench press competition at Fort Stewart's Newman Gym, June 6. Major General Tony Cucolo, 3rd ID commander, presented the winners with their awards.

The following are the results, divided by competitor's weight class:

75.0 kg (162 1/4 lbs.)

1st Place - Edwin Walker (375 lbs.)
2nd Place - Benjamin Hogan (275 lbs.)
3rd Place - James Creech

82.5 kg (181 3/4 lbs.)

1st Place - Clark Chase (270 lbs.)
2nd Place - Steve Aakons (160 lbs.)
90.0 kg (198 1/4 lbs.)

1st Place - John Newby (340 lbs.)

100 kg (220 1/4 lbs.)

The Stewart-Hunter record:

1st Place - Dorian Drewery (450 lbs.)
(Old record was established in 1994 with 405 lbs.)
2nd Place - Eric Garner (380 lbs.)
3rd Place - Ronald Harris (350 lbs.)

4th Place - Michael Shannon (335 lbs.)

5th Place - Luis Rivera (275 lbs.)

6th Place - George Soto (225 lbs.)

110 kg (242 1/2 lbs.)

1st Place - May Catlin (275 lbs.)
2nd Place - Jay Salinas (225 lbs.)

125 kg (275 1/2 lbs)

1st Place - Andrew Fitzpatrick (450 lbs.)